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Dr. Joshua Lederberg Rockefeller University 1230 York Avenue New York, NY 10021

Dear Dr. Lederberg::

Two years ago the Center for Bioethics of the Clinical Research Institute of Montreal launched a series of volumes on issues in bioethics. Each volume in this series concentrated on a specific theme. Roughly half of the authors for each volume come from Europe, the other half from North America. All articles not originally written in French are translated by us to produce a series of French language volumes that serves as a forum for an international discussion of ethical issues in biomedicine.

We enclose information on the Center for Bioethics and on the first three volumes of our series, Cahiers de Bioéthique.

We would like to invite you to write for our fourth volume, "Médecine et Expérimentation". This volume, as indicated in the enclosed outline, will have a special section offering the "considered spontaneous responses" of Nobel prize winning scientists to the quite general question we have raised about the ethical regulation of biomedical research.

We invite you to write your "considered spontaneous response" to this question for our fourth volume. You may formulate your response in any fashion you choose. We only ask that the response not exceed 1000 words.

If you are able to accept this invitation we would be deeply grateful to receive your manuscript by January 30th, 1981. This would help us to prepare a French translation, if necessary, in time to meet our deadline and to afford you an opportunity to review the translation prior to publication.

We would also appreciate your calling us "collect" in answer to this letter. This will speed up our subsequent planning.

With gratitude to you in advance and,

With every best wish,

Dr. Maurice A.M. de Wachter

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